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- 1. DEPT AUTHORIZES YOU TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH PANAMANIANS ON TEXTS IN REFTEL WITH MODIFICATIONS SET OUT BELOW. THIS CABLE HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED BY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.
- 2. WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH 4(C), DEPT BELIEVES WORDS "FOR THE PREVIOUS CANAL OPERATING YEAR" ARE SUPERFLUOUS AND SHOULD BE DELETED IN THE INTEREST OF CLARITY. LIKEWISE, WE UNDERSTAND BARLETTA REGARDS THE WORDS "IF ANY" AS SUPERFLUOUS AND WOULD LIKE THEM DELETED. IT CONFIDENTIAL

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MAY, THEREFORE, BE SIMPLE TASK TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT TO DELETE IN BOTH PLACES.

3. DEPARTMENT PREFERS DELETION OF PARAGRAPH 5. SHOULD GOP REQUEST LANGUAGE RE TIME OF PAYMENT YOU MAY SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

THE MANNER AND DATE OF THE ANNUAL PAYMENTS TO BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL

BE DETERMINED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES.

EXPLANATION: THIS GENERAL LANGUAGE AVOIDS OUR HAVING TO DETERMINE IN NEGOTIATIONS RIGHT NOW SUCH SUBSIDIARY ISSUES AS WHETHER COMPUTATIONS WILL BE BASED ON CALENDAR YEARS, OR YEARS BEGINNING FROM ENTRY INTO FORCE OF TREATY, WHETHER THERE WOULD BE A PRO-RATA SEGMENT FOR PART OF A YEAR BASED ON TREATY START-UP TIME, TIME NECESSARY FOR ACCOUNTANTS TO DETERMINE YEARLY RESULTS, ETC.

- 4. FYI. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT PROVISIONS OF 4(C) CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "EXPENDITURES" AND "SURPLUS" MAY REQUIRE DETAILED TREATMENT IN EITHER A FUTURE UNDERSTANDING WITH PANAMA AND/OR IN PREPARATION OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE IN YOUR NEGOTIATIONS TODAY TO ATTEMPT REVISIONS IN EXISTING TEXT. SHOULD ANY FURTHER UNDERSTANDING WITH PANAMA OF TEXTUAL TERMS BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT 4C IT SHOULD BE DONE AD REFERENDUM NEXT WEEK. END FYI.
- 5. REGARDING PARA 2 ABOVE YOU MAY WITHDRAW PROPOSAL CONFIDENTIAL

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TO DELETE "FOR THE PREVIOUS CANAL OPERATING YEAR" IF YOU MEET SIGNIFICANT PANAMANIAN RESISTANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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